


REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. The subject case is a PCT application entering the US National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and Article 39(1)(a) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is allowable and a favorable response from the Examiner is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below if such would advance prosecution of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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